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Utah Grain Stocks

UTAH: December 1, 2004 stocks of corn, wheat, oats, and barley at off-farm locations **in Utah** were lower than on December 1, 2003, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Off farm all wheat stocks on December 1, 2004 were 4.54 million bushels in Utah, down 28 percent from the previous year. Utah off farm corn stocks were 585,000 bushels, down 48 percent from December 1, 2003. Off farm barley stocks, at 554,000 bushels, were down 2 percent from last December. Off farm oat stocks on December 1, 2004 were 85,000 bushels, down 12 percent from 2003.

UNITED STATES: Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2004 totaled 9.45 billion bushels, up 19 percent from December 1, 2003. This is the highest December 1 stocks level since 1987. Of the total stocks, 6.14 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.30 billion bushels, are up 24 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2004 indicated disappearance is 3.32 billion bushels, compared with 3.22 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2004 totaled 1.43 billion bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. Onfarm stocks are estimated at 531 million bushels, up 8 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 900 million bushels, are down 13 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2004 indicated disappearance is 508 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2004 totaled 246 million bushels, up 24 percent from December 1, 2003. On-farm stocks are estimated at 131 million bushels, 34 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 115 million bushels, are 15 percent above December 2003. The September - November 2004 indicated disappearance is 43.9 million bushels, fractionally above the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2004 totaled 105 million bushels, 12 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2003. Of the total stocks on hand, 60.4 million bushels are stored on farms, down 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 44.6 million bushels, down 19 percent from a year earlier. Indicated disappearance during September - November 2004 totaled 10.8 million bushels, down 13 percent from the same period a year ago.